to A-320 VT-EPN at Bangalore was completed and cause of accident communicated to the Association.

(b) Following safety measures were taken before reinducting A-320 aircraft:

(i) All aircraft were subjected to a special maintenance schedule inspection known as "Return to Service Inspection after prolonged grounding" as recommended by Airbus Industries and 'A' Check.

(ii) Acceleration check of the engines installed on all the aircraft was carried out and found satisfactory.

(iii) The aircraft were test flown and result thereof found satisfactory.

(iv) Pilots were given refresher courses route checks and simulator experience.

(v) The Aircraft Maintenance Engineers were subjected to the refresher courses and examined by a duly constituted Board of DGCA and those found satisfactory were issued with the licence to certify the aircraft.

CBI Porbe into Airbus A-320 deal

1794. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have asked the CBI to probe into Rs. 2500 crore Airbus A-320 deal involving the alleged kickbacks of about Rs. 250 crores;

(b) whether Government have any information about the receipients of the kickbacks; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Central Bureau of Investigation has registered a case of 29.3.1990 which is still under investigation by them.

इंडियन एयरलाइंस की उड़ानों में स्टेनलैस स्टील की कर्तरिकाओं का उपयोग

1795. **श्री विश्वासराव रामराव पाटिल** : क्या **नागर विमानन और पर्यटन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि इंडियन एयरलाइंस ने अपनी उड़ानों में श्रेणी "जे" में स्टेनलैस स्टील की छुरियों तथा कांटों वाली कर्तरिकाओं का उपयोग में लाना प्रारंभ कर दिया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सुरक्षा की दृष्टि से इन कर्तरिकाओं का उपयोग में लाया जाना उपयुक्त है;

(ग) क्या सरकार इस निर्णय को बदल कर यथास्थिति बनाए रखने पर विचार कर रही है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री माधव राव सिंधिया): (क) जी, हां।

(ख) स्टेनलैस स्टील की कटलरी सुरक्षा के लिये खतरा नहीं है।

(ग) जी, नहीं

(घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

VIP Taken to Sharjah on AI/IA Flights

1796. SHRI SANGH PRIYA GAUTAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of persons including Members of Parliament were taken to Sharjah on an Indian Airlines/Air India flights;

(b) if so, what are the details of the invitees with their names; and

(c) what was the total expenditure involved in terms of rupee and foreign exchange?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Following 59 persons were taken from calicut to Sharjah on 15-02-1992 by Indian Airlines on their inaugural flight:

(A) Chief Guest

1. Shri M.O.H. Farook, Minister of State, Civil Aviation and Tourism.

(B) Members of Parliament (Consultative Committee on Civil Aviation)

2. Shri V.S. Vijayaraghavan
3. Shri Laeta Umbrey
4. Shri H.N. Zaintey
5. Shri S.K. Gangwar
6. Shri Mahadeepak Singh Shakya
7. Shri Kalka Das
8. Shri L.M. Tripathi
9. Shri Mohan Singh
10. Shri P.G. Narayanan
11. Shri E. Ahmed
12. Ch. Ram Sewak
13. Kum. Saroj Khaparde
14. Shri Mohd. Afzal
15. Shri G.G. Solanki
16. Shri John F. Fernandes
17. Prof. K.V. Thomas
18. Shri Mohd. Khaleelur Rehman
19. Shri K. Muraleedharan

(C) Press

20. Shri C.M. Samani
21. Shri R.R. Nag
22. Shri K. Anand
23. Shri S. Dharmarajan